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The Catawba County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 15, 2002, 7:00 p.m., at the 1924 Courthouse, Robert E. Hibbitts Meeting Room, 30 North College Avenue, Newton, North Carolina.

Present were Chairman W. Steve Ikerd, and Commissioners Katherine W. Barnes, Barbara G. Beatty, and Dan A. Hunsucker.

Absent: Marie H. Huffman, Vice-Chair.

A quorum was present.

Also present were County Manager/Deputy Clerk J. Thomas Lundy, Deputy County Manager Steven D. Wyatt, Assistant County Manager Mick W. Berry, County Attorney Robert Oren Eades, County Staff Attorney Debra Bechtel, and County Clerk Thelda B. Rhoney.

1. Chairman Ikerd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Invocation was offered by Commissioner Barnes.
3. Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular session of Monday, April 1, 2002. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Presentation:

- a. Commissioner Beatty made a motion to declare Rupert H. Little's fire helmet and badge as surplus and present same to him on the occasion of his retirement. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Ikerd and Mr. Charles E. Moody, Jr., Emergency Services Director, presented Mr. Little with his fire helmet and badge.

Mr. Moody thanked Mr. Little for his many years of service to Catawba County. He also thanked Mr. Little's wife, Ann, and son, Kevin.

Mr. Little thanked the Board of Commissioners and said it had been a pleasure for him to serve as fire marshal and fire inspector.

5. Special Guests:

Chairman Ikerd recognized Candidates Sonny Franks, Jesse Salwen, and Glenn Barger. Mr. Ikerd also recognized Hickory Public School Board of Education Member Vanessa Linebarger.

6. Special guests not listed on agenda. None.

7. Appointments.

Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Pat Hensley, Catawba County Schools, P O Box 1000, Newton, to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council for a first, two-year term which will expire June 30, 2004. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Consent agenda:

The following four items were grouped as the Consent Agenda and were presented by County Manager J. Thomas Lundy.

Mr. Lundy said the General Statutes state that if an ordinance is to be adopted at the first presentation before the board of commissioners all of the commissioners have to be present and have to vote for the ordinance, and one of the commissioners was absent at the April 1 meeting and a second reading is required for items a. and b.

- a. Second Reading on County Code Updates – Chapter 230 Purchasing.
- b. Second Reading on County Code Updates – Architectural 508.30 – 508.50.

- c. Resolution Amending the Board of Commissioners 2002 Meeting Schedule.

**Resolution No. 2002-08
Amending the Board of Commissioners 2002 Meeting Schedule**

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2001, the Catawba County Board of Commissioners approved its meeting calendar for 2002; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2002, the Board of Commissioners canceled its Friday, March 29, 2002, 8:30 a.m. retreat with a new date TBA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Catawba County Board of Commissioners Spring Planning Retreat is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2002, 8:30 a.m., at The Wyndolyn Royster Hollifield Leadership Center, located at 6692 Valwood Road, Conover, NC 28613-8759.

This the 15th day of April, 2002.

/s/ W. Steve Ikerd, Chairman
County Board of Catawba Commissioners

- d. Transfer of Funds to Purchase School Property – Hickory Public Schools.

Mr. Lundy said Hickory Public Schools requested funds for the purchase of a 9.4-acre parcel from American Legion adjacent to Hickory High School for the future expansion of the school. The purchase price was \$999,540. The Board of Commissioners approved an initial appropriation of \$865,300 on March 16, 2001. The additional \$134,240 will come from the unspent funds in the College Park Renovations project in the School Bond Fund. The Public Works Subcommittee recommended the purchase and to approve the transfer of \$134,240 from the College Park Renovations project.

Transfers:

From:	427-750100-865300-32102-3-01	\$134,240
To:	427-750100-865300-32111-1-01	\$134,240

Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

End Consent Agenda

9. Departmental Reports:

a. Planning and Community Development:

1. NCDOT FY 2002-2003 Secondary Road Improvement Program.

Mr. Joe Lamb, NCDOT Division Maintenance Engineer, reviewed the proposed FY 2002-03 Secondary Road Improvement Program for Catawba County. The program outlines the paving priorities for State roads that are proposed to be completed within the next fiscal year depending upon availability of funds, right-of-way, and environmental review. Mr. Lamb said they were projecting a 6 percent decrease in funds for next year and the proposed program may be much less. He said the trust fund money may be attractive to the legislators to use to balance the state budget and NCDOT would let the county know of budget cuts.

In reviewing the projects submitted by the State, it has been determined that the State is following its recommended priorities based upon its criteria that considers the number of people who live on the road, traffic volume, school bus routes, bridges and number of businesses. The priorities submitted for FY 2002/2003 follow the road paving priorities that were established in a ranking process conducted by NCDOT in FY 2001. The road rankings are updated approximately every four years based on new construction of residences, businesses, etc.

NCDOT advertised in two local newspapers that they were meeting with the Board of Commissioners at it April 15, 2002, meeting regarding the proposed FY 2002/2003 Secondary Road Improvement Program for Catawba County.

Catawba County 2002-2003 Paving Priority
Fiscal Year 7/1/02 to 6/30/03

Paving Priority	SR#	Description	Length (Miles)	Est. Cost
Rural				
2F	1112	FD Road from SR 1111 to Burke Co.	0.89	\$200,000
3F	1856	LEBANON ROAD from SR 1855 to Lincoln Co.	0.72	180,000
4F	1109	WILDLIFE ROAD from SR 1108 to dead end	<u>0.50</u>	<u>100,000</u>
		Rural total	2.11	480,000
Subdivision Streets				
6F	2630	ROBERT RUFTY ROAD from NC 10 to dead end	0.55	72,000
7F	1754	McREE ROAD from SR 1735 to new TIP project	0.25	50,000
8F	1955	PLEASANT LN from SR 1842 to dead end	0.60	100,000
9F	2329	35 th ST PL NE from SR 1511 to dead end	0.14	26,000
10F	2364	33 AVE PL NE from SR 1529 to dead end	<u>0.11</u>	<u>24,000</u>
		Subdivision total	1.65	272,000
Property Owner Participation				
N/A	N/A	TALLENT CT from SR 1849 to dead end	0.29	45,000
N/A	N/A	PERRYWOOD DRIVE, SR 2340	<u>0.23</u>	<u>40,000</u>
		Property Owner Participation total	0.52	85,000
GRAND TOTAL			4.28	\$837,000
Various spot stabilization, secondary maintenance				\$ 128,468
Total secondary construction program				837,000
Reserved for contingencies				<u>51,202</u>
Total Allocation				<u>\$1,016,670</u>

Commissioner Beatty said the County does not set the paving priority and requested Mr. Lamb explain how NCDOT sets the paving priority.

Mr. Lamb said every four years they rate all unpaved roads left in the county and at the beginning of this year there were approximately 30 miles of unpaved road left. They count the number of homes, businesses, churches and the data is given points and the points are totaled and the traffic counts are added in. They have two type roads, subdivision and rural. They choose from the highest to the lowest points for the priority list.

Commissioner Beatty asked about the roads that were left unpaved before 1974-75 ruling which are not part of the system.

Mr. Lamb said any road developed after October 1, 1975, has to be paved in order to be eligible to be added to the state system. Roads constructed after this date that is not paved or constructed as a private road is not eligible for addition to the state system. He said private roads would have to be changed and designated as a public road then pay for the cost of paving the road to bring the road up to state standards. Also, an unpaved public road would have to be paved before it could be brought into the state system.

Commissioner Hunsucker said the cost of \$240,000 per mile to pave a road seemed expensive.

Mr. Lamb said roads are expensive to build. He said they have built roads in Alexander and Iredell Counties that cost \$400,000 per mile to build. He said the costs continue to escalate. He said when you remove curves, flatten hills, and better align a road it can easily add up to \$200,000 per mile.

Commissioner Beatty made a motion to accept the State's paving priority listing for FY 2002-03 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Finance:

1. Financial Report through March 31, 2002 (for information only).

Mr. Rodney N. Miller, Finance Director offered a brief PowerPoint presentation of the County's Financial report of revenues and expenditures, through March 31, 2002. The County's audit firm, Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A , recommended that the Board receive periodic reports on the County's finances throughout the year. This was the first of those reports. Mr. Miller said 75 percent of the fiscal year is complete. He said 98.08 percent of the ad valorem taxes have been collected. Total revenues to date - \$101,457,644 representing 73.73 percent budgeted. Total expenditures to date - \$85,904,041 representing 62.43 percent budgeted.

10. Attorneys' Report. None.

11. Manager's Report. None.

12. Other items of business. None.

13. Adjournment.

At 7:30 p.m., there being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Beatty made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

W. Steve Ikerd, Chairman
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

Thelda B. Rhoney
County Clerk